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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 51.7 degrees, 1.0 degree above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.99 inches, 0.32 inches above normal. There were 39 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 6 degree days below normal for this week.

Reporters rated 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 21, 2005. Days suitable for field work were up 0.9 days from last week, and up 2.6 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is up 1.5 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	5.5	4.6	150.5
2004	2.9	5.2	129.1
2000-2004 Average	4.0	5.3	128.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	18	72	8
Last Week	2	17	76	5
Same Week Last Year	2	7	80	11
2000-2004 Average	4	11	69	16

CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005

Reporters estimate that 79 percent of **soybeans** are harvested for grain, this is 7 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. **Corn** harvested for grain is at 42 percent which is 3 days behind last year, but 2 days ahead of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 85 percent planted, this is 4 days ahead of last year and 1 day ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged is at 54 percent, which is 1 day ahead of last year and the five-year average. Eighty-three percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is identical to last year, but 2 days behind the five-year average. Eighty-six percent of **Grapes** are harvested which is identical to last year, but 4 days behind the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the fourth **alfalfa hay** cutting is 88 percent complete, this is 5 days ahead of last year, but 2 days behind the five-year average.

Generally dry field conditions throughout the state Monday through Friday of last week, allowed producers to continue the corn and soybean harvest. Numerous producers have moved last year's grains out of storage in grain bins to the ground, to make room for newly harvested corn and soybeans in grain bins. Other farm activities for the week included: winter wheat planting, late spraying for weeds in wheat stubble, harvesting fall vegetables, top dressing of hay fields, fall tillage, spreading fertilizer and lime, cutting hay, and silage chopping.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Fifty-three percent of hay acreage is rated in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 4 percentage points from last week. Forty-six percent of pastures are rated good-to-excellent, down 3 percentage points from last week. Corn is reported at 51 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase from the 48 percent reported the previous week. Winter wheat condition is rated at 77 percent in good-to-excellent condition. This is the first week of estimating winter wheat crop condition, so the previous week crop condition is unavailable.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	Previous Week U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	88	85	90	85	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	83	84	85	72	NA
Corn Harvested for grain	42	47	37	25	49
Grapes Harvested	86	90	92	69	NA
Soybeans Harvested	79	73	75	66	76
Winter Wheat Planted	85	81	83	73	78
Winter Wheat Emerged	54	52	52	25	50

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	13	31	40	11
Previous Week	3	13	36	39	9
Previous Year	2	6	19	45	28
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	15	27	45	8
Previous Week	4	15	32	40	9
Previous Year	5	10	29	43	13
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	15	34	41	5
Previous Week	5	13	33	42	7
Previous Year	3	8	27	48	14
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	20	63	14
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	2	27	54	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23										
	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	49.9	0.0	0.22	-0.38	19.59	-3.16	37	-3	3412	352
North Central	50.3	0.1	0.48	-0.10	26.18	2.64	33	-6	3368	355
Northeast	49.5	0.0	0.73	0.07	25.84	0.74	27	-10	3168	330
West Central	52.0	1.4	1.10	0.52	23.71	-0.64	38	-5	3508	313
Central	52.5	1.5	1.32	0.68	23.94	-0.88	41	-5	3537	305
Central Hills	50.4	0.6	0.81	0.20	25.59	0.66	32	-8	3318	327
Northeast Hills	49.9	-0.3	1.01	0.39	23.67	-1.11	29	-13	3309	274
Southwest	54.0	2.2	1.31	0.51	22.00	-3.96	47	-2	3656	276
South Central	54.9	2.6	1.41	0.59	21.57	-3.15	52	-2	3741	310
Southeast	52.5	1.5	1.32	0.60	22.39	-2.53	42	-6	3521	300
STATE	51.7	1.0	0.99	0.32	23.20	-1.39	39	-6	3469	313

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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